

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-03-07**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 6, 2006
Commission Meeting: March 7, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. WD ENERGY SERVICES INC. N2001.11.154 (JOEL)

Request by WD Energy Services Inc. to terminate their gas supplier license.
Staff recommends approval. Suggested Action: Grant request to terminate WD Energy Services Inc.'s natural gas supplier license.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2004.1.6 – Triangle Communications – Discussion, direction, action on procedure, objections to data requests, other matters as necessary. (3/7/06)
2. D2005.6.105 – PSC Investigation of Qwest use of Federal USF's – Discussion, direction, possible action on procedures, schedule, Qwest renewed objections, other matters as necessary. (3/7/06)
3. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103 – NorthWestern Energy Annual Qualifying Facility Avoided Cost – Discussion, direction, action on procedure, late intervention, recent intervenor motion for interim rate adjustment, other matters as necessary. (3/7/06)
4. D2005.5.75 – Landmark Water Company – Discussion, direction, action on procedure, other matters as necessary. (3/7/06)
5. D2006.2.22 – Avista Corporation – Discuss all matters associated with Avista's application and to decide whether to grant application for an order disclaiming jurisdiction. (3/7/06)
6. Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee request for PSC feedback on draft bills – Discuss and provide direction concerning PSC comments on LC37 (allowing electricity default supplier to own and acquire generation) and LC38 (creating Montana Transmission Authority). (3/7/06)
7. OMS Board Meeting March 9, 2006 – Placeholder to discuss OMS agenda items should OMS members vote on draft comments. (3/7/06)
8. MISO Cost Allocation filing & MISO calendar highlights – Review the FERC decision on MISO's transmission expansion cost allocation policy, and to review upcoming MISO/OMS issues. (3/7/06)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2006.2.24 – NorthWestern Energy – Exclusive Territory Agreement between Vigilante Electric Cooperative (VEC) and NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

D2006.2.25 – Qwest Corporation and Page One of Wyoming – Paging Type 1 and Type 2 Agreement

N2006.3.26 – NorthWestern Energy – Request from NWE for Commission's Intervention in Establishment of a Customer's Payment Arrangement